

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the City Address



Mayor William V. “Bill” Bell

February 19, 2015















**TRAIL  
WATCH  
VOLUNTEER**



The background of the slide is a photograph of a city street. In the foreground, there is a pile of dirt and debris. A silver car is parked on the street. Behind the car, there are several brick buildings. One building has a sign that says "Downtown". Another building has a sign that says "W.A. SLATER CO.". A third building has a sign that says "LANSE BROTHERS & CO.". The sky is blue with some clouds.

**#15 America's Smartest Cities – *Forbes***

**#18 Best Cities for Young Entrepreneurs –  
*NerdWallet***

**#29 Top 100 Best Cities to Live – *Livability***

**#23 America's Fittest Cities – *The Active Times***

**Best Places to Travel in 2015 – *Travel + Leisure***

**#47 Best Performing Cities – *Milken Institute***



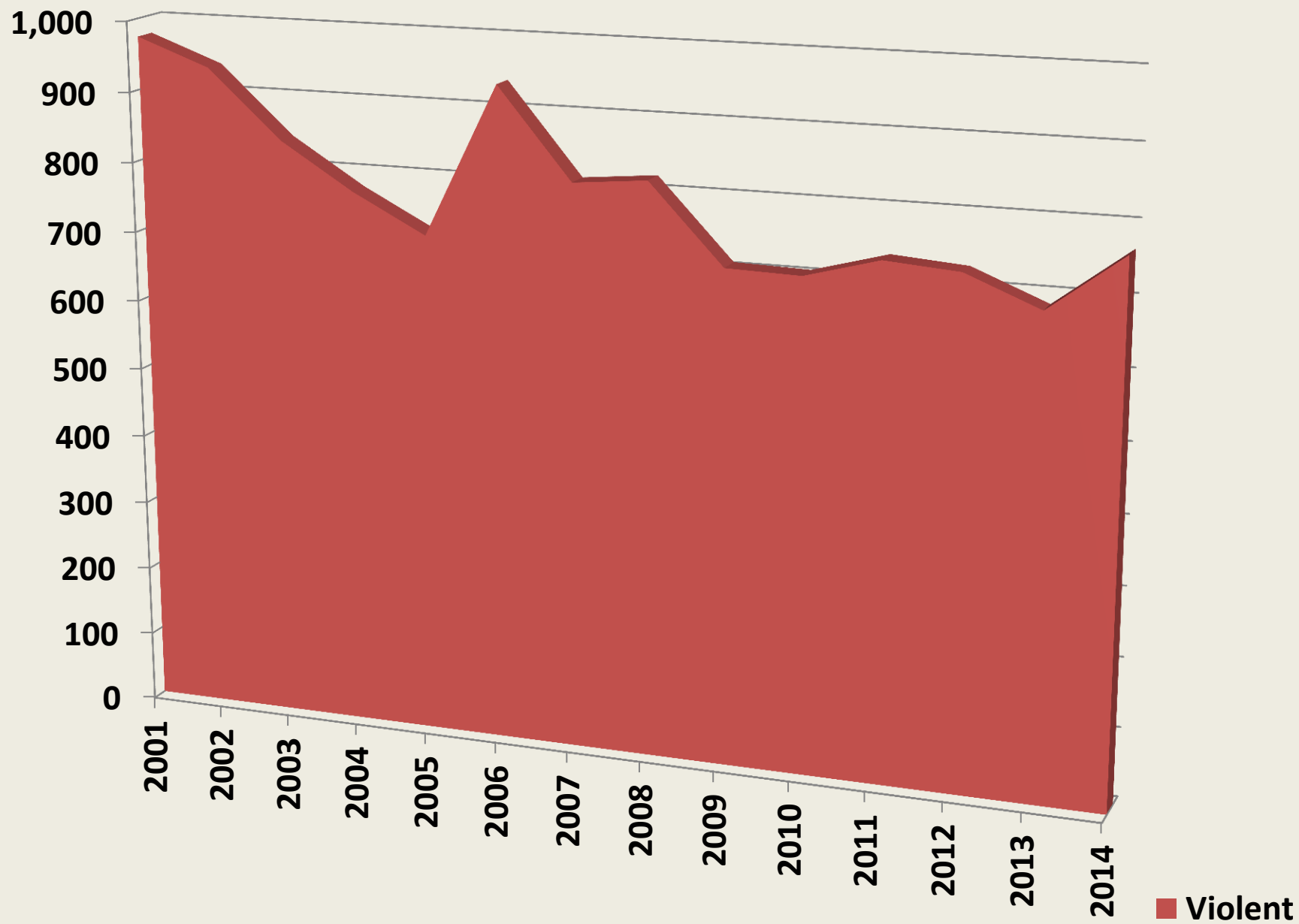


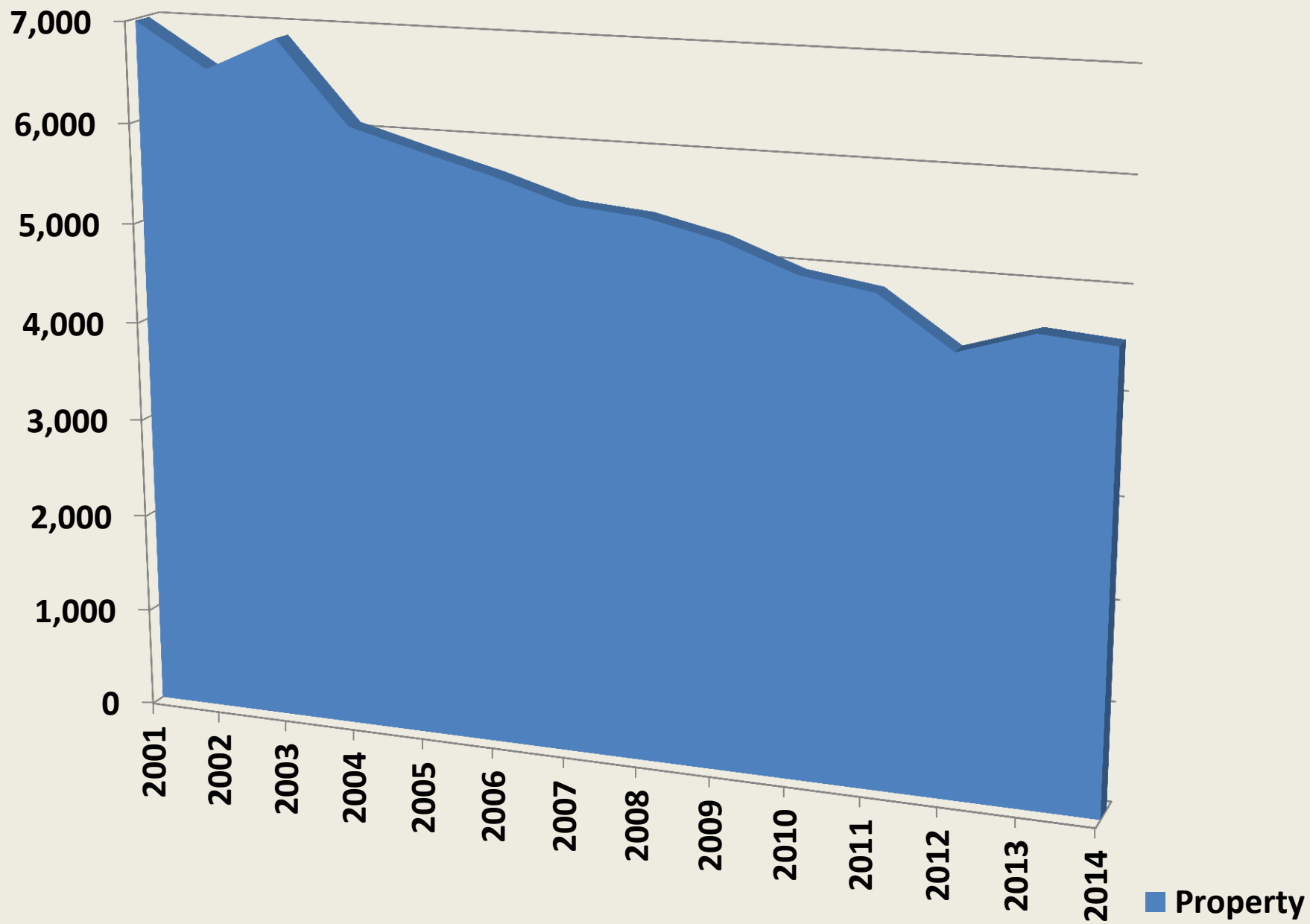
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CALM  
AND  
WEAR  
COOL  
GLASSES**



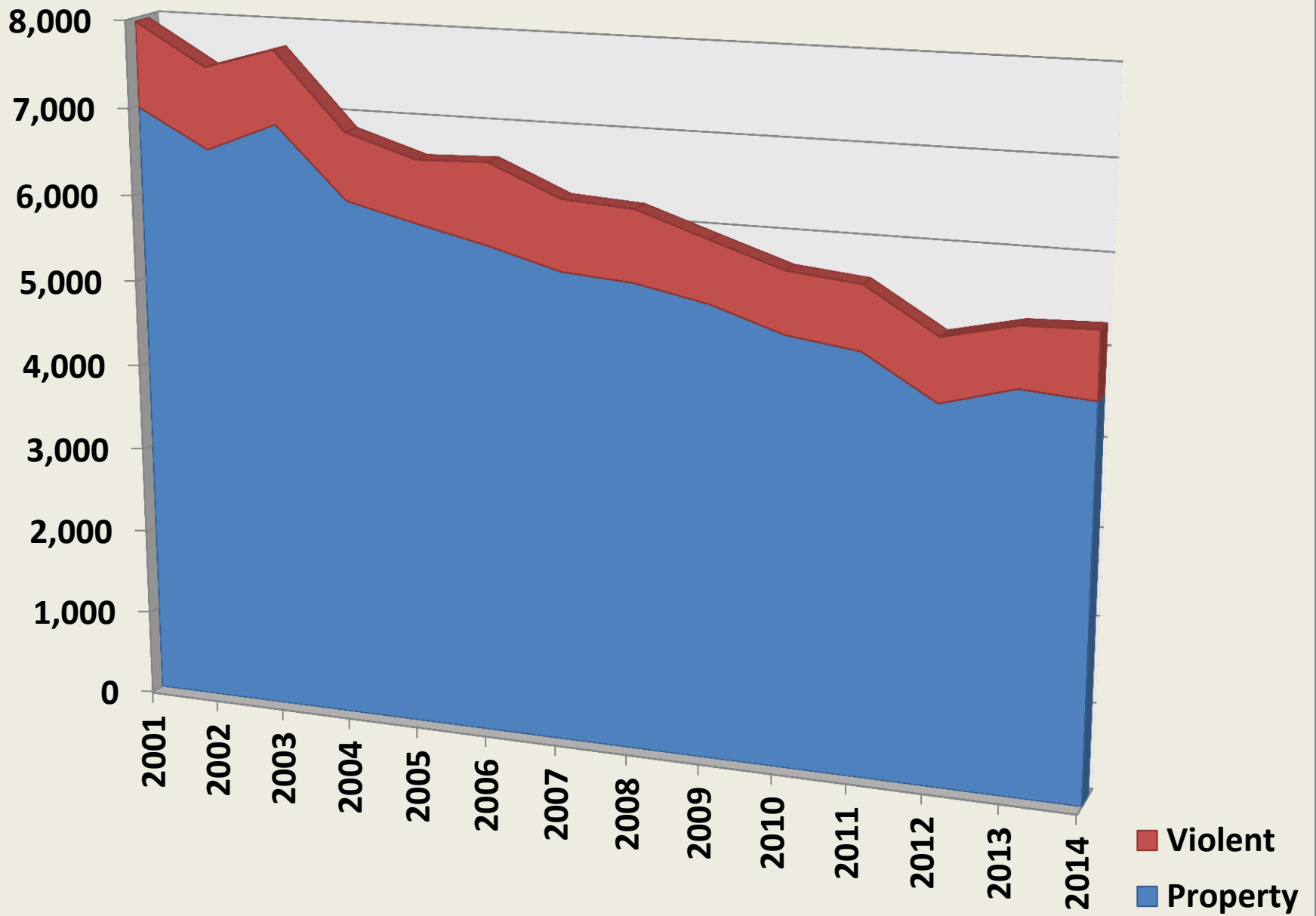




















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# Cook Road Park

**Before**



DURHAM  
**DPR**  
Parks & Recreation

**After**



# Duke Park



**Before**



**After**



DURHAM  
**DPR**  
Parks & Recreation










A person wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt is holding a white, torn-edge sign. The sign has handwritten text in black ink. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a parking lot with cars.

"NEED WORK,"  
ANYTHING HELPS.  
GOD BLESS.









## **Public Open House at Durham Station**

**March 19, 4 p.m. –7 p.m.: UNC Hospitals-Trent/Flowers Segment**

## **Public Presentation at Durham Station**

**June 4, 4 p.m. –7 p.m.: Trent/Flowers-Alston Segment**

## **Public Information Session at Durham Station**

**Sept. 19, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

## **Public Hearing**

**Sept. 22, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.: Durham Co. Commissioners' Meeting Room**

**<http://ourtransitfuture.com>**






- **Building trust between police & community**
- **Improving police dept. practices**
- **Ensuring timely & accurate communications**
- **Conducting independent investigations of deaths relating to police encounters**
- **Addressing racial & economic disparities as well as community frustration & distrust of governmental institutions**
- **Providing national leadership**







A person wearing a dark beanie and a blue shirt is holding a large, rectangular cardboard sign. The sign is light brown and has some faint, handwritten lines on it. Overlaid on the sign is a large, bold, black text that reads: "Reducing poverty in our city... neighborhood-by-neighborhood, year-by-year." The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with other people and buildings.

**“Reducing poverty in  
our city...  
neighborhood-by-  
neighborhood,  
year-by-year.”**





**Education**  
**Finance**  
**Health**  
**Housing**  
**Jobs**  
**Public Safety**

*got!*  
*Durham ~~wants~~*

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***Durham...  
Where Great  
Things Happen***